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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 9, 2003, applicants elect Group I, claims 19 and 22, without traverse. Accordingly, please cancel non-elected claims 20, 21 and 23-26, without prejudice.

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